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**Response to Office Action**

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed 11/26/2003, Applicant submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

In this Amendment:

1. Claims 6 and 56 are amended to correct informalities noted by the Office;
2. Claims 8, 24-26, 31, 50-52, and 54-56, indicated as allowable by the Office, are amended to remove dependencies on rejected base claims as indicated by the Office;
3. Claims 1, 27, 35, and 53 have been canceled;
4. The dependencies of other claims have been amended to depend from allowable claims.

After amendment, there are 7 independent claims. Applicant previously paid for 4 independent claims, resulting in a fee due for 3 independent claims: \$129 at the applicable small entity rate of \$43 per independent claim. Applicant encloses herewith a check for that amount.

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